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CHARGES AGAINST R. S. WHALEY DISMISSED

GRACE DEFEATED IN EFFORTS TO UNSEAT CONGRESSMAN

Majority and Minority Reports Will Likely Be Submitted to House This Week.

Washington, December 16. Elections committee No. 1, of the House of Representatives, to-day voted, 7 to 2 to dismiss the charges filed with the Speaker by Mayor John P. Grace, of Charleston, against Congressman R. S. Whaley. One of the two Republican members of the committee, Mr. French, of Idaho, voted with the majority against an investigation, and one of the Democrats, Mr. Borchers, of Illinois, voted with Representative Frear, of Wisconsin, Republican, for investigation.

There will be a majority report which will be formulated jointly by Chairman Post and Representative French. Mr. Frear's report will represent his own views only, as Representative Borchers, who was not present at to-day's meeting, left word that he wished simply to be recorded as favoring an investigation, but that he would not join in any report.

The report of the majority will represent the views of Chairman Post, of Ohio; Messrs Stephens, of Mississippi; Crisp, of Georgia; McClellan, of New York, and Elder of Louisiana. Democrats; French, of Idaho, Republican, and Chandler, of New York, and Elder, of New York, Progressive.

The reports of the majority and minority of the committee are expected to be ready for submission to the House at the end of this week.

The fact that the majority of non-Democratic members voted against investigation was something of a surprise, as it was believed that at least two of the three would incline to the Grace side of the case.

Grace Shows Anger.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The house committee on elections, which for the past two or three months has been endeavoring to get at the truth of the charges filed by Mayor John P. Grace of Charleston against Representative Richard S. Whaley, spent the entire day listening to further testimony and affidavits submitted by Mr. Grace.

Mr. Grace began the undertaking of the day by bringing to Washington two "character" witnesses, John L. Cosgrove and Charles Bresnahan, the former a young lawyer in the office of Logan & Grace, and the latter a garbage collector of the city of Charleston serving under Mayor Grace. By these witnesses Mr. Grace hoped to upset much of the matter which had been submitted by Mr. Whaley.

To show that Cosgrove was a reliable man there was produced a letter from President Randolph Harrison of the College of Charleston which gave him a good name. Another witness—A. C. Moses, a Washington business man—said that Mr. Cosgrove, while employed here during the time he was a student at Georgetown university, gave entire satisfaction in the handling of certain funds entrusted to his care.

Knew But Little.

Cosgrove, who was summoned to testify concerning Charleston witnesses, did not know more than a small portion of the men whose names were signed to affidavits. To some of these, as their names were called, he would answer "good," "bad," "very bad," or otherwise as the case might be.

The main thing that Cosgrove testified was that the reputation of Magistrate J. J. O'Shaughnessy of Charleston, who had been claimed to be one of the main Whaley workers, was "very bad for honesty," and that recently he had been ordered removed from his position, that certain influences had been at work and he had thus been able to retain his place.

Eliminating what both Cosgrove and Bresnahan said as of practically no value, nothing of interest developed until about dinner time when Mr. Grace displayed such evidence of anger that Committeeman Crisp told the chairman and the other members of the committee that unless order and decorum should be maintained he would have nothing more to do with the hearing. Mr. Crisp said that he was disgusted with the whole thing,

but that he would listen and give his time provided every one behaved in a gentlemanly manner.

It was evident from that point on, that much bad feeling was to be shown, and this continued until final adjournment at 6 o'clock. Time and again through the proceedings Mr. Grace was admonished that he must not coach witnesses, that he must confine himself to facts and not hearsay, and that the committee was becoming exceedingly weary of hearing about what he meant to produce hereafter.

Although Mr. Grace submitted a dozen or more affidavits they were all along the hearsay line and amounted to little. Something he did say, however, attracted attention. He told the committee that he followed the advice of Senator Tillman in filing the original petition and that he had begged several members of the South Carolina delegation in the house to protest against Mr. Whaley taking his seat and that he thought until the very last moment that Representative Johnson would do so, but that the latter at last failed to act. He said Mr. Johnson feared a hot fight in his own district in the coming election.

Mr. Grace told much about E. W. Hughes and George von Kolnitz and their past political records, but as it did not bear directly on the question of Mr. Whaley's conduct it made little impression on the committee.

Shocked at Martin.

Discussing the position of Sheriff J. Elmore Martin in the matter and how he had turned from von Kolnitz to Whaley in the second primary, Grace said it was a question of "who had the most money." He said he knew Martin bought votes some years ago in another contest because he saw him to do it and was shocked.

Referring more directly to Mr. Whaley's alleged purchase of votes, Mr. Grace said that Whaley sent men to his (Whaley's) cashier to get the money and that they got it by the thousands.

He said also that F. C. Peters had been given the position of collector of the port to pay him back for what he had done for Mr. Whaley.

Mr. Grace said the election in the First District was hurried up and it was understood that certain cotton mill interests had spent something like \$20,000 to secure Whaley's election because they were not satisfied with certain features of the tariff bill which was then pending.

BUT FEW DAYS LEFT FOR THIS OLD EARTH

Astronomical Sharp Assures Clergymen That End Will Come Within 15,000,000 Years.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Replying to a question put by a clergyman at the weekly meeting of Presbyterian ministers to-day Eric Doolittle, director of the University of Pennsylvania's astronomical observatory, said he thought that life on this earth would come to an end in about 15,000,000 years.

Prof. Doolittle had been making an address on "Astronomy in Reference to the End of the Earth's Life." He said:

"Unless some supernatural power or being interferes or the earth comes in contact with another planet or heavenly body, the earth will exist for 15,000,000 more years.

"The earth is dependent upon the sun for its heat and light, although the earth now contains some heat itself. When the sun cools the result will be darkness and cold, which will bring an end to all life, animal and vegetable."

Christmas Exercise at Silver Street.

There will be service in the Silver Street Lutheran church, Christmas night, Thursday night, beginning at 6:30 o'clock. There will be songs and recitations by the Sunday school children together with an address by the pastor, Rev. S. P. Koon. There will also be a Christmas tree.

There will be an entertainment in the auditorium of the school building Monday night, December 29, beginning at 7 o'clock. The program will appear in the papers next week.

The public is cordially invited to attend both exercises.

The fourth prize to be given today in The Herald and News contest is a gold wristlet watch which will be awarded to the winner. The contest is being displayed at P. E. Way's Drug store.

CHARGES OF CRUELTY BY NEWBERRY PRISONER

RAMON PARRIS WAS PAROLED BY THE GOVERNOR.

Was Serving One Year In State Penitentiary Upon Charges of Grand Larceny.

Special to The-Herald and News.

Columbia, Dec. 18.—In granting a parole in a Newberry case, Governor Blease, in his official reasons, sets forth a letter and a statement from the defendant which speak for themselves.

The case is that of Raimon Parris, (white), convicted at the March, 1913, term of court for Newberry county, of grand larceny, and sentenced to twelve months imprisonment in the State penitentiary.

Governor Blease says:

"I received the following letter from this defendant:

"Columbia, S. C. Dec. 11, 1913. Dear Sir, Gov. Sir, Governor, Cole, L. Blease.

I am addressing you of my trouble, asking you to please help me out of my down fall this summer. I have been the trusty water-boy and know I have got your picture and I have got it on my coat and I went up to your mansion a few days ago and when I got back in the yard they have been dogging after me ever since. Captain and Supt. D. J., they put a large pair of chains around my legs and they have got me locked up in a cold cell and Gov., I have not given them any cause to do so and they were starving me out on bread and water. I can't get warm night, and either day, Lord, Gov. I have not done anything to make them punish me about. They got mad with me about wearing one of your badges with your picture on it and I am unable to help myself any way, so will you do. Send for me and I will tell you all about it. They chain me on the 10th of December, and lock me up about wearing one of your badges. I was sentenced in March court, the 17th day of March and sentenced 12 months in penitentiary.

(Signed) Raimon Parris."

"On receipt of this communication, I had this boy brought to my office, and read this letter and asked him if the statements therein contained were true. He said they were; and, in addition, made the following statement:

"Captain Sondley said, 'By God, I reckon you are the cause of this crowd standing around here.' I said, 'No, sir; Captain, I am not the cause of it; I am doing the work you put me to do.' He said, 'By God, shut up and get on down stairs.' He taken me out to the police and put a pair of shackles on me and lock me up. They put me in a cell on the 10th of December, and I asked them yesterday morning to take me out; that I was cramped up so that I could hardly walk, but he (Captain Sondley) said, 'By God, you will get out when I turn you out.' I can prove that I have not eat anything they sent me; I have a brother down there on the yard and he would bring me something to eat, or I would have perished. I had not done anything at all to cause this trouble. They have been picking at me for the last two weeks, one or two of the guards pick at me, by the name of Jackson."

"This statement was made in the presence of Sergeant Pressley and other gentlemen who were in the governor's office.

"Upon this letter and the statement the defendant having served nine months of a twelve month sentence, he was granted a parole during good behavior, December 16th, 1913."

FAVORS HIGHER PAY FOR ALL RURAL MAIL CARRIERS.

Washington, December 16.—Representative David E. Finley, ranking member of the postoffice committee of the House, said to-day that his committee had just voted in favor of an increase of the salaries of all the rural free delivery carriers of the United States, the increase to approximate \$50 a year in the case of each carrier. The committee is considering the postoffice appropriation bill.

K. F. M.

Thirty dollars will pay for a week's work in the contest. The contest is being displayed at P. E. Way's Drug store.

HAD NO STATE LICENSES

Stopped Sport of Emerson Party, Says Chief Game Warden—One Tried And Acquitted.

Columbia, December 16.—Issac E. Emerson, the "Bromo Seltzer King," who owns a hunting preserve in Georgetown county, took his party of wealthy northerners out of the State on a special train Sunday afternoon when Chief Game Warden A. A. Richardson got in behind them for hunting without licenses, according to information given out to-day by Mr. Richardson, who had just returned from Georgetown where he said one of the party George W. Ewing, of Baltimore, Md., was dismissed on a technicality at a hearing before a magistrate for hunting in the State without a license.

According to a statement from Chief Game Warden Richardson, he sent his assistant Mr. Funderburk, to Georgetown county to look over the situation when he felt that there were not as many non-resident hunting licenses being reported from that county as he was certain there should be. Deputy Funderburk reached Georgetown on Thursday and found he states that Millicent Emerson was entertaining a party of wealthy tourists, none of whom had licenses as far as he could ascertain.

CLEMSON NOTES.

Clemson College, Dec. 17.—Examinations began Monday, so we are in the midst of a week of hard work. They will continue through Saturday.

Dr. W. M. Riggs and Dr. F. H. H. Calhoun went to Jacksonville last week in order to attend the annual meeting of the S. T. A. A. Dr. Riggs has been elected president of the association. He has been acting president, and presided over this particular meeting. Dr. F. H. H. Calhoun has also devoted much time to athletic activities. He was our representative in this meeting.

Basket ball practice has begun and there is a favorable outlook for a strong five for Clemson this year. Track practice will begin after Christmas and also base ball practice.

The base ball and basket ball schedules will be announced soon. They are about complete at present, and will be given out after the Christmas holidays.

Box Party at Ridge Spring.

The public is cordially invited to attend a box party and Christmas exercises at Ridge Spring school at Old Town, on Tuesday night, December 23rd. The exercises will begin at 6:30 promptly.

The following is the program: Christmas song—School. Recitation—Ruth Dominick.

If Santa Claus was Pa—George Sanders.

Christmas Night—Estelle Werts. Saving Santa Claus Some Care—Johnnie Crouch.

An essay on the origin of Christmas—Myrtle Fellers.

Song—I'm so glad that Santa Claus is Coming Tonight—Small boys and girls.

Santa Claus and the Automobile—David Crouch.

Footling Santa Claus—Colie Pitts.

Johnnie Sanders.

Riding with Santa Claus—Odus Wilson.

Telephoning to Santa Claus—Ruby Fellers.

Doll song—Bernice Pitts, Jessie Sanders, Lazelle Fellers, Jessie Fellers, Sarah Wilson and Ruth Dominick.

Santa Claus—James Werts.

If the Reindeer Should Run away—Jesse Crouch.

Christmas in Different Nations—Junior boys and girls.

Looking for Santa Claus—Several children—Wallace Dominick, Santa Claus, Mazie Pitts, Mrs. Santa Claus.

Yes Before Christmas—Daniel Crouch.

St. Nicholas song—School.

Music.

School in the Back Woods—Teacher, Myrtle Dominick, Odus Wilson, Clarence Pitts, Thompson Pitts, Colie Pitts, Ruby Fellers, Lazelle Fellers, Bessie Sanders, Jesse Sanders, Ruth Dominick, Marie Dominick.

Santa Claus—Richard Sanders.

Dance—Johnnie Crouch.

IMPROVE HIGHWAYS

FOR ABOUT 700 MILES

Washington to Atlanta Road Will Demonstrate Value of Practical Maintenance.

In order to demonstrate the value of practical maintenance of highways, the American Highway Association has arranged, in co-operation with the Federal office of public roads and road officials in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia for an ambitious maintenance experiment on the road from Washington to Atlanta, Ga. More than 700 miles of road are expected to be improved and kept in condition as a result of the initiative of the American Highway Association. The experiment is on a larger scale than any maintenance experiment ever undertaken in this country.

The great maintenance object-lesson road extends from the capital of the United States through a very historic section of the country, passing such famous points as Arlington, Mt. Vernon, the battlefields of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg, en route to Richmond, thence extending southward through the capital of North Carolina and South Carolina, and terminating at Atlanta.

The American Highway Association will enlist the support of the counties and districts traversed by one road, and wherever possible, induce the local authorities to place the road under the supervision of government engineers, who will be detailed from the office of public roads for that purpose under the co-operative arrangement.

Probably 75 per cent of the total mileage has already been improved by a surfacing of stone, gravel or a mixture of sand and clay. The object of the maintenance scheme is to prevent the improved portions of the road from deteriorating for lack of suitable care, and to make the untaken to prevent the improved portions of travel as possible with the money available.

With the co-operation of all different communities, however, it is hoped that concerted work will be undertaken on the entire stretch of highway, resulting in a continuous maintenance object lesson that will be a stimulus to maintenance throughout the country. Time American highway association has undertaken to raise the money for the traveling expenses of the engineers who will supervise the work.

Leonard Tufts is chairman of the committee designated by the association to have charge of the campaign, and he has already arranged to place 110 miles under government engineers. It is expected that all counties traversed by the road will cheerfully enter into the arrangement as it is a long step toward a continuous stretch of road that will benefit the entire Seaboard.

Junior Division.

The Junior Division missionary society of Central Methodist church, of which Mrs. C. B. Martin and Mrs. W. W. Hornsby are lady managers, held its regular meeting Sunday afternoon. This was the last meeting of the year, and officers for another year were elected. The society was loath to give up their faithful lady manager, Mrs. P. C. Gaillard, who has carried on this splendid work for about twelve years. The meetings hereafter will be held on the second Saturday afternoon in each month.

The following officers were elected:

President—Aldie Gaillard.

1st vice president—Audia Wheeler.

2nd vice president—Mildred Tarrant.

3rd vice president—Lucile Baxter.

4th vice president—Pauline Fant.

Corresponding secretary—Troxeile Wright.

Recording secretary—May Tarrant.

Treasurer—Mary Frances Cannon.

Lookout committee—Colie Blease, Hilda Sample.

Gleaners—Elizabeth White, Carolyn Epps, Margaret Farrow (and others).

Book committee—All the boys, one each month, in alphabetical order.

May Tarrant.

Rec. Sec.

A great many people don't seem to realize that it is their duty to trade at home.—Clinton Chronicle. The point is well taken. It is a good fact.

1914 BUDGET MAY

TOTAL \$2,500,000

COMPTROLLER GETTING LINE ON STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENSES.

Prisoner Makes Charges—Governor Scores Commission Form of Government. Declaring It to be a Farce.

Columbia, December 17.—Comptroller General Jones to-day sent out blanks to the State and county officers for them to send to him their estimates of the needs for their respective departments for next year. Each office reports to the Comptroller General the amount of money they need to run their department for the year, and the Comptroller General will compile the estimates and make up the budget for next year for presentation to the General Assembly.

It is estimated that the budget for next year for all State and county offices will reach \$2,500,000. The estimates for this year were for over \$2,400,000, but the General Assembly trimmed this down to about \$2,000,000, which was covered in the annual appropriation bill. The budget as made up by the Comptroller General will be sent to the House ways and means committee for guidance in making up the appropriation bill.

The State board of claims, to pass on claims which will come before the General Assembly, will meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock in the office of the Comptroller General. Claims aggregating several thousand dollars have been filed to be passed on by the board. Its finding will be reported to the ways and means committee of the House.

Scores Government By Commission.

Governor Blease this morning scored the commission form of government and said that he hoped the recall would be invoked in every city in the State before Christmas where that provision is in force. He said that he was glad that the recall had been invoked in Orangeburg, that while he didn't care who was mayor of that town still he wanted the people to see just what their Representatives had put on them. "There is no democracy in the commission form; it's a farce," declared the governor forcibly.

When the commission form was passed it was vetoed by Governor Blease, but was passed over his veto. The Governor this morning denounced the provision wherein 20 per cent of the voters could recall any official. "Why they could have an election every thirty days," he declared, pointing out what in his opinion is one of the greatest weaknesses in the Commission Act.

"I hope they will all use the recall," said the Governor, "to show to the people what a nuisance the legislature put on them. And I hope they will keep on recalling them," said the Governor, pointing out the fact that it was possible to recall the officials every month. It would be an endless system calculated to wear out any officials, even though they were re-elected every time, as was pointed out by the Governor this morning.

It is thought, in Columbia that an amendment raising the minimum requirement of the percentage of voters to sign a recall petition before it is effective will be offered in the coming session of the General Assembly.

JNO. T. DUNCAN SURRENDERS COMMISSION.

Columbia, December 17.—Mr. John T. Duncan, who was disbarred from the practice of law some years ago and who recently filed a petition with the Supreme Court asking reinstatement, withdrew his petition, the minutes of the Court saying: "Mr. John T. Duncan surrendered his commission as an attorney and asked to withdraw his petition for reinstatement by an act of friends that others might be permitted to sign same and who leave to again come before the court as he may desire. Chief Justice Gary was disqualified."

John D. Rockefeller is going to have a \$35,000 Christmas party.—News item. Think of that, you poor little five cent party man. Yes, and be happy while you are at it, for Rockefeller at his \$35,000 party will not be able to make the eats taste a bit better, and maybe he'd give thousands for the capacity for real enjoyment of good things.